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Photography [] reveals seven military facilities and minor road construction in the India-China frontier area northeast of New Delhi (Figure 1). This report, together with NPIC Report [] presents the disposition of Indian defenses along the entire India-China border between Nepal and Indian-controlled Jammu and Kashmir.

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The seven military facilities include a total of 1,125 barracks/storage/support buildings and 29 explosives storage buildings or bunkers (Figure 2 and Table 1). The facilities appear to be defensive, are connected by good motorable roads, and with the exception of Rishikesh, are all located in the eastern portion of the area.

Five major roads enter this mountainous area; three of them extend to the vicinity of the China border (Figure 2). One road enters the mountains at Rishikesh (30-06N 078-18E) and continues generally northeast along the Alaknanda and Dhauliganga river valleys to within 1 nautical mile (nm) of the China border at 30-51N 079-58E. The second road enters the mountains at Haldwani (29-12N 079-32E) and continues northeast to within 28 nm of the China border at 30-05N 080-17E. The third road enters the area at Tanakpur (29-04N 080-06E) and continues north-northeast along the Nepal border to within 24 nm of China at 29-58N 080-35E.

Five sections of road are observed under construction in the area and are shown in Figure 2.

The only major military airfield near this area is at Barielly, located approximately 50 nm to the south of the area.

No military activity or roads are observed in the western portion of Nepal. No Chinese military facilities or associated logistics activity are observed within 20 nm of the border between Tibet and India and Nepal.

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TABLE 1. Installations in the India-China Frontier Area Northeast of New Delhi.
(Item numbers are keyed to Figure 2)

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Coordinates</u>	<u>BE No</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	Rishikesh Military Barracks and Storage Areas	30-04-50N 078-16-30E	None	275 barracks/storage bldgs, 5 large storage bldgs, and an ammo storage area (Figure 3)
2	Ranikhet Barracks and Regimental Center Kumaon	29-39-00N 079-26-00E		150 barracks/storage bldgs in areas observed
3	Khela Forward Military Camp	29-57-30N 080-35-55E	None	30 bldgs/tents
4	Dharchula Barracks and Storage Area	29-50-45N 080-32-25E	None	380 barracks/storage bldgs, several small support bldgs, and a helicopter landing pad (Figure 4)
5	Pithoragarh Barracks and Storage Area	29-35-20N 080-15-45E	None	140 barracks/storage bldgs and a poss explosives storage area observed on partial coverage
6	Haldwani Barracks Area	29-13-30N 079-32-20E	None	145 barracks/storage bldgs
7	Tanakpur Probable Explosives Storage Area	29-02-20N 080-04-55E	None	12 storage bldgs/bunkers and 15 support bldgs

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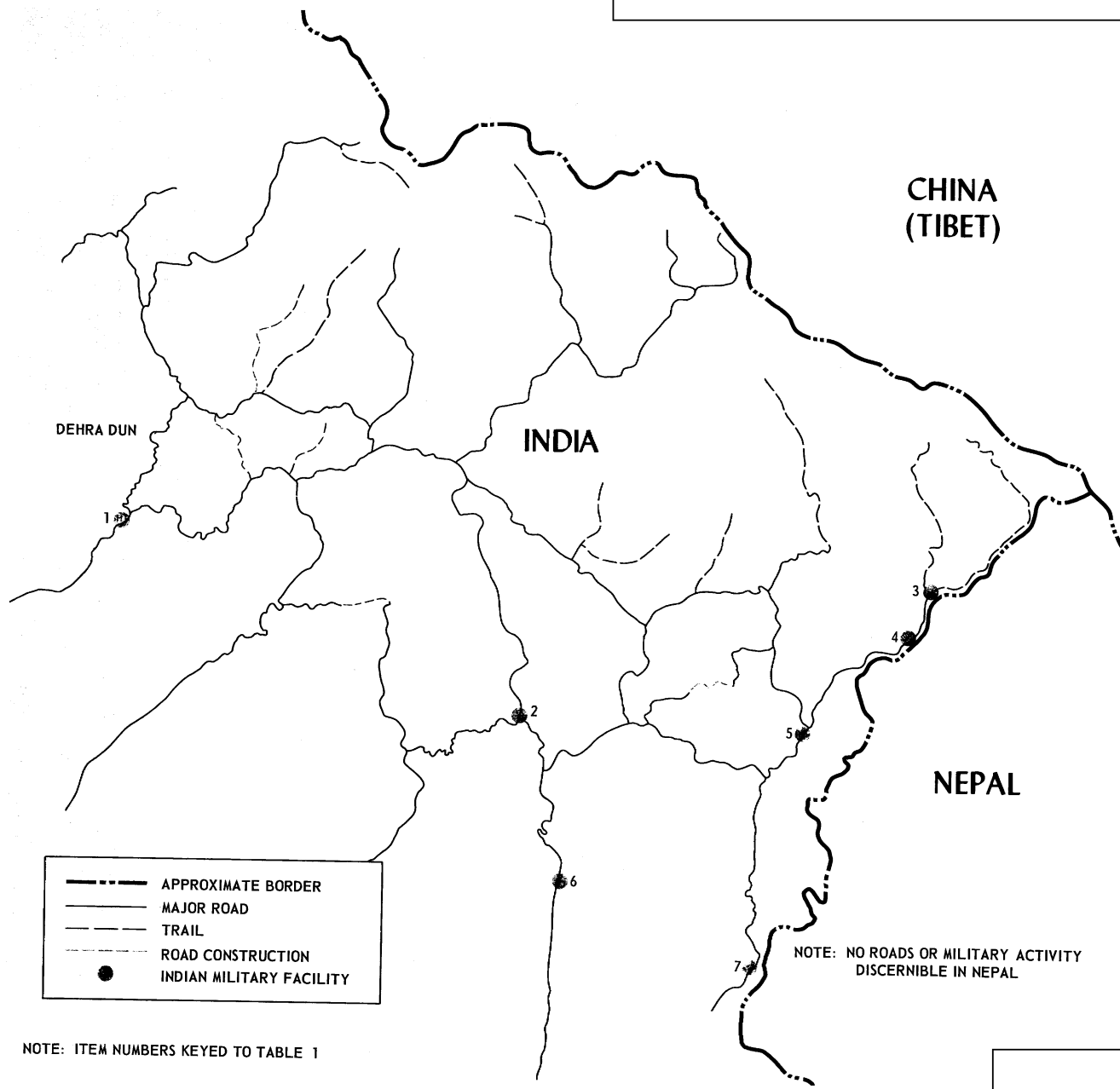
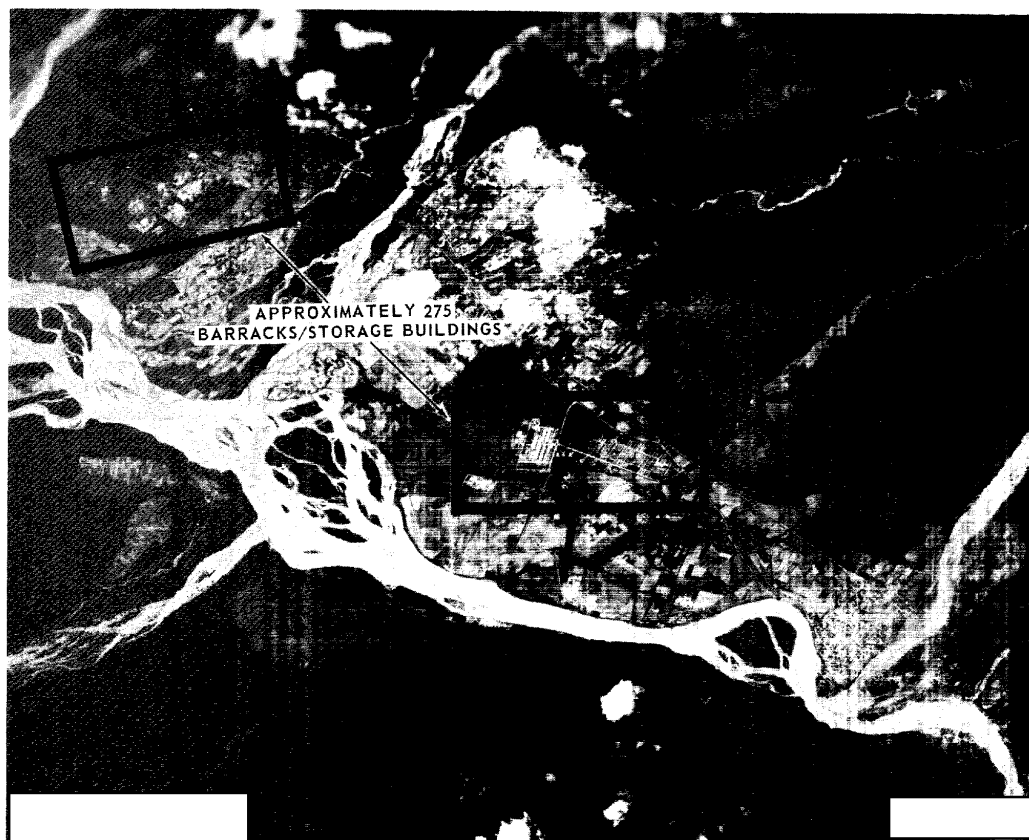


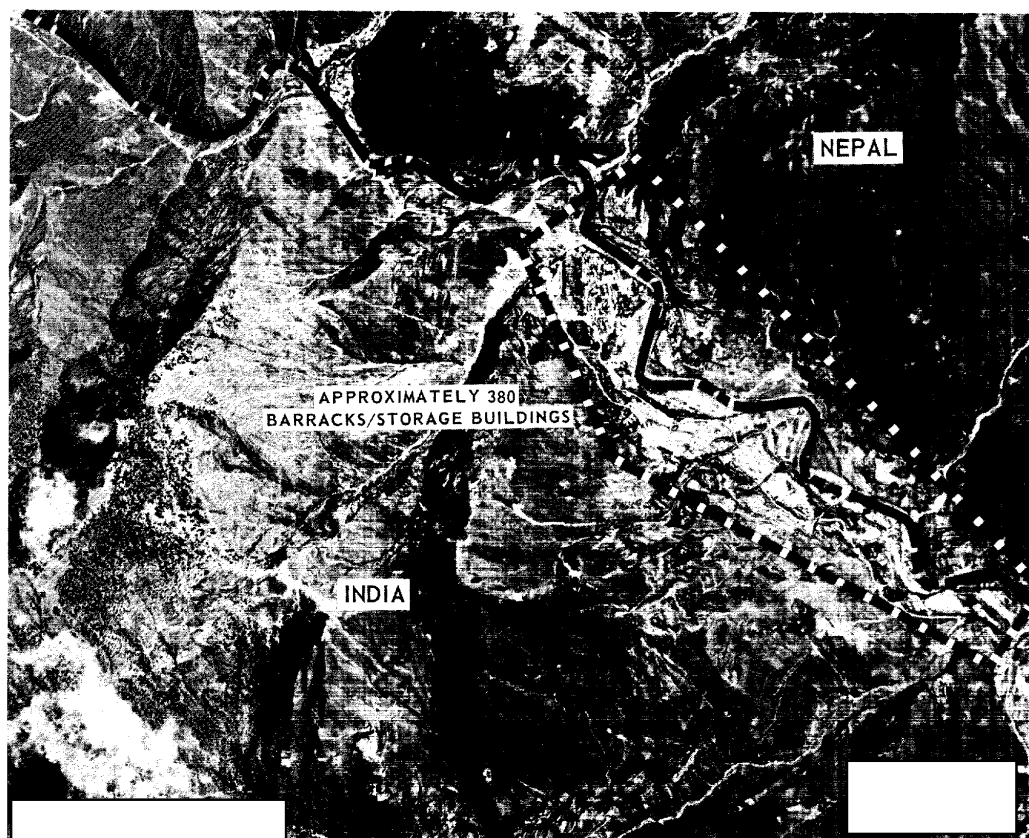
FIGURE 2. MILITARY ACTIVITY, INDIA-CHINA FRONTIER AREA NORTHEAST OF NEW DELHI



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FIGURE 3. MILITARY BARRACKS AND STORAGE AREAS, RISHIKESH, INDIA



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FIGURE 4. BARRACKS AND STORAGE AREA, DHARCHULA, INDIA

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